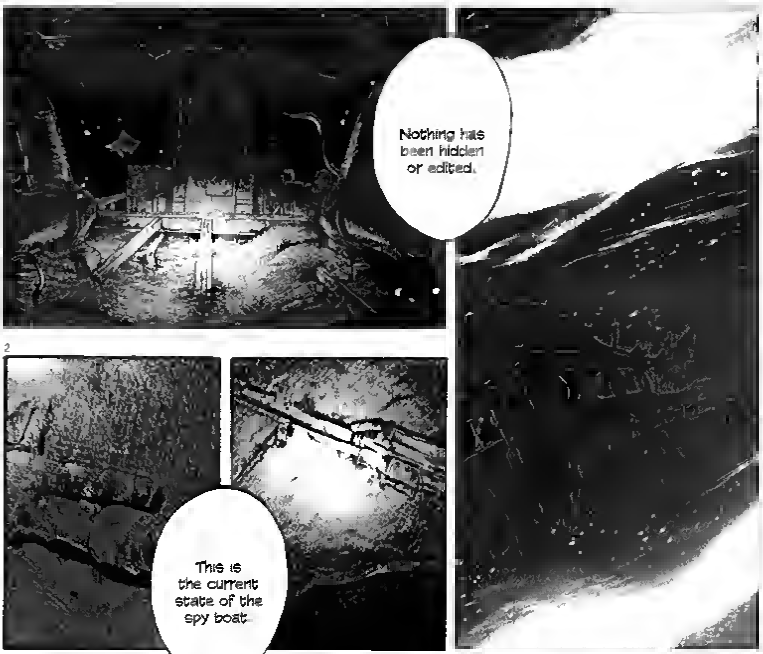
Chapter 103 Grim Prospects for the Joint Venture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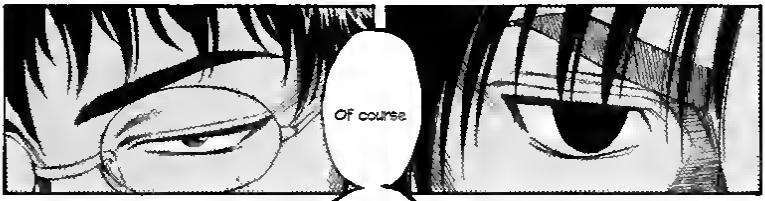
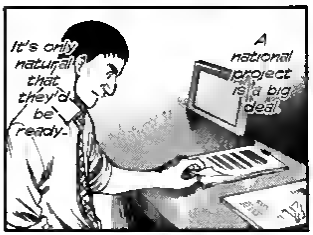
This is the current state of the spy boat.

What do you think?
Can it be raised?

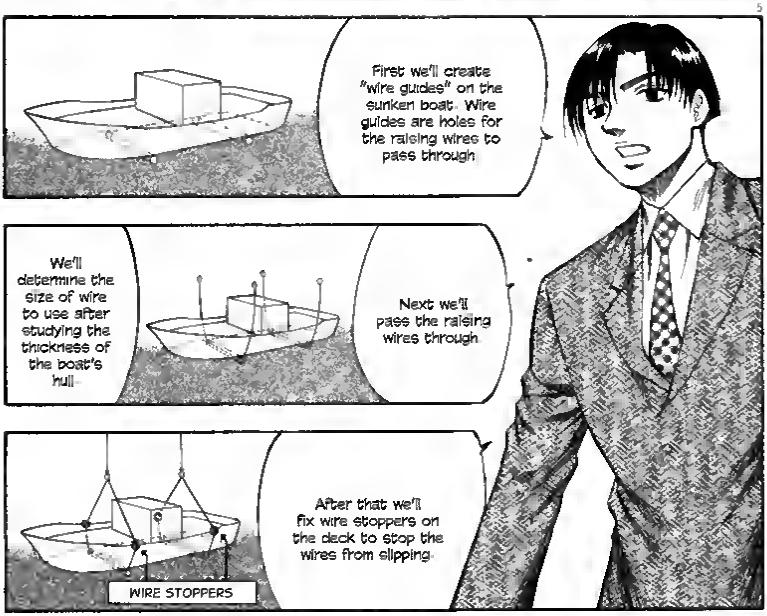

Of course

With this plan!

They're confident.
Both companies presented a plan at the same time.


It's only natural that they'd be ready.
A national project is a big deal.

The exact same plan?!
Huh?!
Hold on... They're...


First we'll create "wire guides" on the sunken boat. Wire guides are holes for the raising wires to pass through.
We'll determine the size of wire to use after studying the thickness of the boat's hull.
Next we'll pass the raising wires through.
After that we'll fix wire stoppers on the deck to stop the wires from slipping.
WIRE STOPPERS

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The next stage will consist of first raising the boat with a crane ship until it's barely out of the water, and then carefully draining the water from it.
We can't have it breaking in half with all that important evidence in there.
Once that's done we'll raise it, set it on a barge...
And hand it over to you guys.

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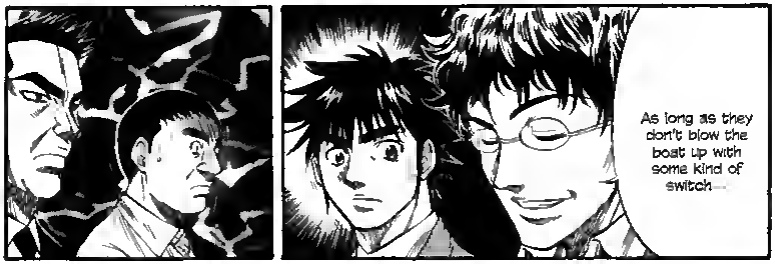
Does that mean this is the only way to raise it?
Both companies came up with the same plan.

In theory, this is the best method
We won't know its real condition, its surroundings, the weather conditions or about any obstacles, but...
Until we actually dive down and inspect the boat for ourselves...

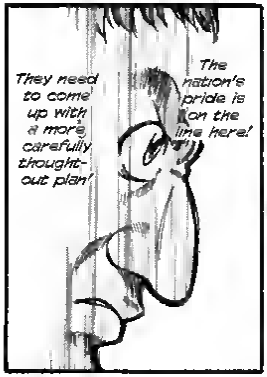

As long as they don't blow the boat up with some kind of switch...

This method is guaranteed to raise that boat!
Is this really...
The best way?

He's the youngest salvage master in Yamato's history. His plan is sure to be excellent.
Especially this man named Eguchi.

We can trust their plan!
Yamato Salvage well-known internationally and they've got lots of achievements.

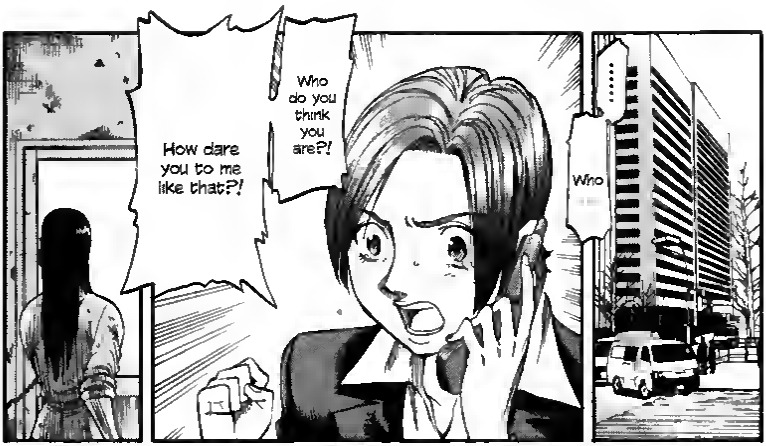
But...

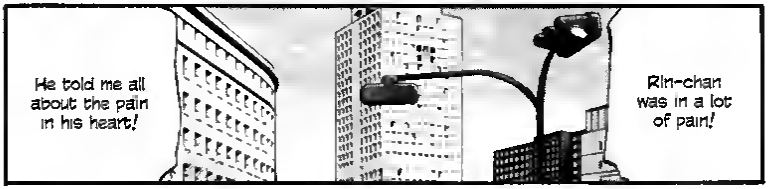

They need to come up with a more carefully thought-out plan!
The nation's pride is on the line here!

If both Yamato and Namba came up with the same plan...
Isn't it more likely that they're both overlooking something?

They're the weakest in the country!
Can we really trust Namba?

We're counting on you!
Do it.


How dare you to me like that?!
Who do you think you are?!
Who


He told me all about the pain in his heart!
Rin-chan was in a lot of pain!

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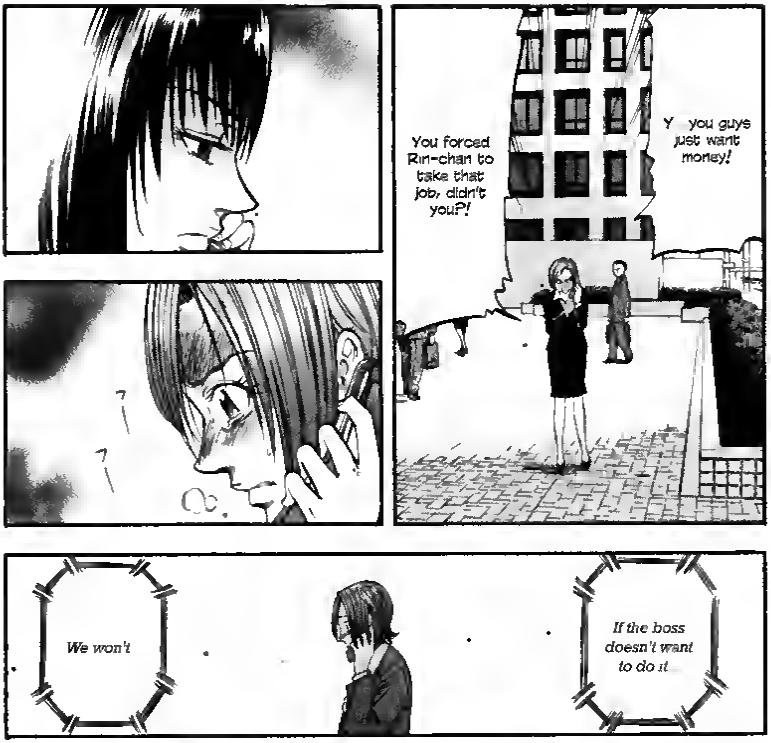
We agonized about it together!
Well I do!
You don't know how he really feels, do you?!
You're lying, aren't you?!


You forced Riri-chan to take that job, didn't you?!
Y you guys just want money!
We won't
If the boss doesn't want to do it

I said I turned the job down
I'm sorry!
But
Because I didn't want to put you guys in danger, but

The truth is...
My friend was shot by the spies and is now paralyzed.
I hated them...
I didn't want to even go near that boat.
But now I've realized...
The sea...
Is blue!
I'm not going to let meaningless sacrifices like Kakihara and those spies...
Turn it red any longer!

Let's raise that boat together!
Please!
If the boss has decided that we're going to do it...
Then we'll give our lives to protect him!

You should know how awesome I am by now!
Come on, boss.
You did it, Sawa! They took our very first plan!

That's Sawamura for you
Heh. The exact same plan, huh?

This job
I forgot to mention one thing.
You guys will be nothing... the pawns of the great Yamato Salvage!
But this job will be carried out under my direction!

Will be a JV between the two companies!

What's a "JV"?
"JV" means "Joint Venture."
Basically we'll be working together as *equals*.

Are you implying Yamato is on the same level as Naniba Salvage?!

Naniba should be working under our direction! A joint venture is completely out of the question!
Ridiculous!

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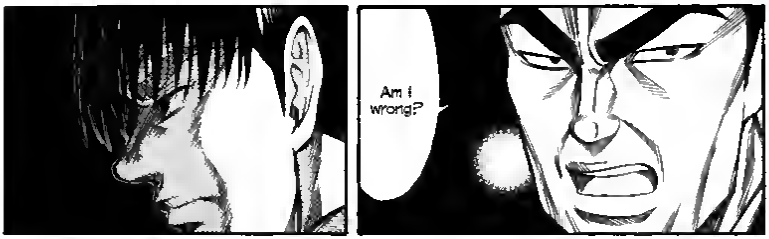
We will prioritize certainty and security, but above all we need to raise that thing at all costs.
Raising the spy boat is a national project.

Can Yamato dispose of traps and explosives?

We'll take our leave now!
This is unacceptable.

This project will only succeed if you make up each other's shortcomings.
Both Yamato and Nanba have things they can and cannot handle.


Am I wrong?

But let's put our strengths together...
And raise that boat!

Egu... err, Mr. Eguchi.
I'm sure there's a lot you don't agree with.

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I'm sorry...
But
Aren't you the one who turned the job down the first time?
Oh that's rich, coming from you
Heh.
So they can prevent incidents like this from ever happening again.
Mr. Kasai, the Coast Guard and the government all want to raise that boat.

This isn't the time for us to fight and compete with each other.
Let's work together so we can stop all this fighting once and for all!

"He'll be more interesting than you"
"When he finally decides to live in that ocean."
I still don't get what you meant
Sawa-mura
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Don't get the wrong idea, Mr Naniba
I'm not agreeing to this to put an end to fighting
We'll agree to the JV
Mr Kasai
Mr Egu-chi

I'm doing it for myself.
TO SET OUT TO RAISE THE SPY BOAT
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